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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

21st Legislative Day

March 17, 1999

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please by at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by His Eminence, Cardinal Francis E. George, Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George.

FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE:

(Prayer by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Thursday, March 11th, 1999.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone... Okay. ... Myers moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 16th in the year 1999 be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. ...Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have in our Presidential Gallery, to the -- up there, Mrs. Chanyn Winfrey, from Long Lake, Illinois, who is a constituent of the Senator William Peterson's. And her daughter is here today and she's going to be one of our honorary Pages, that's Brytne -- Brytne Winfrey, and we're delighted to have them visit us. They paid for the privilege to come today by them -- the silent auction bidding to spend a day in Springfield with us.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate.

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 723, 724, 1070, 1189 and 1199 Do Pass. And Senate Resolution 49 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 202, 230, 397, 460, 483, 486, 509, 642, 729, 735, 748, 749, 759, 839, 849, 1128 and 1150 Do Pass; Senate Bills 80, 101, 177, 224, 330, 374, 395, 469, 477, 503, 507, 576, 728, 734, 739, 867, 897, 1062, 1142 and 1143 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local

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Government, reports Senate Bills 906, 935, 936, 956, 966, 1171, 1184 and 1202 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 575, 826, 827, 880, 933, 937, 938, 941, 958, 1131 and 1141 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I have with me today a young lady from Cordova, who through her high school is paging for the day and I would like to introduce to this Body Heidi Wiens and her parents who are in the Presidents Gallery on the Democratic side, Karen and Lippy Wiens. I'd like to have the Senate give 'em a good Senate welcome.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Fine. If them would please rise and be recognized by the Senate. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the

concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 21, 371, 462, 497, 819, 1134, 1155, 1168, 1723, 2347, 70, 104, 111, 314, 596, 603, 818, 1399, 1414, 1438, 1757, 1182, 2110, 2686.

All passed the House, March 16th, 1999.

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Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 24, 307, 427, 1046 and 1088 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 23, 149, 423, 764 and 967 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports
Senate Bills 277, 293, 652, 1054, 1075, 1133 and 1192 Do Pass;
Senate Bills 139, 175, 291, 554, 556, 648, 653 and 1168 Do Pass,
as Amended; and Senate Resolution 43, Be Adopted.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 760, 989, 1073, 1151 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 737, 794, 987, 1042, 1059, 1136 and 1155 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 62, offered by Senator Halvorson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 63, by Senator Link and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution 64, offered by Senators Dillard, Rauschenberger and others.

It's substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

In the gallery, above -- on the Republican side my older

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brother and sister-in-law Michael and Helen Sullivan have joined us.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate. The top of page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 6. Senator O'Malley. Senate Bill 6. Senator O'Malley. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 13. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 13. Senator Syverson. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 25. Senator Jacobs. Senate Bill 25. Senator Jacobs. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 26. Senator Petka. Senate Bill 26. Senator Petka. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 29. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 31. Senator -- take it out of the record. Senate Bill 32. Senator O'Malley. Senate Bill 32. Senator O'Malley. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 46. Senator Parker. Senate Bill -- take it out of the record. Senate Bill 71. Senator Sieben. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 79. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 79. Senator del Valle. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 84. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 111. Senator Clayborne. Take it out of the record, Mr. Secretary. Senate Bill 113. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 113. Senator Dillard. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 128. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 128.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 171. Senator Klemm. Senate Bill 171. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 185. Senator

Syverson. Take it out of the record. Top of page 3. Senate Bill 204. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 204. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 206. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill

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217. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 217.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 223. Senator Halvorson. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 235. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 235. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 259. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 259.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 268. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 282. Senator Cronin. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 286. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 310. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill -- read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 310.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 323. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 336. Senator Maitland. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 363. Senator Walsh. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 385. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 385. Senator Rauschenberger. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 430. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 430. Senator Bomke. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 436. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 436.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 457. Senator Syverson Senate Bill 457. Senator Syverson. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 498. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 498. Senator Rauschenberger. Take it out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Top of page 4. Senate Bill 527. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 529. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 550. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 563. Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 566.

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Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 574. Senator Hawkinson. Senate Bill 578. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben. 578? Senate Bill 646. Senator Watson. Senator Watson on the Floor? Senate Bill 656. Senator Rauschenberger. Where is he? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 656.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 658. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 658.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities offered one amendment -- adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 666. Senator Peterson. Senate Bill 672. Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 673. Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 721. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 747. Senator Silverstein. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 747.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 753. Senator Radogno. Top of page 5. Senate Bill 775. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 778. Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson? Senate Bill 784. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 784.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 795. Senator Petka. Senator Petka on the Floor? Senate Bill 800. Senator Noland. Senate Bill 824. Senator Noland. Senate Bill 881. Senator Burzynski. Senate -- thank you. Senator -- Senate Bill 890. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard? Senator Dillard? Okay, I'm sorry. Senate Bill 980. Senator Jones. Senator Emil Jones. Senate Bill 1007. Senator Dudycz. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1007.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1010. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard. Senator Petka on the Floor? With leave of the Body we will -- we will return the Senate Bill 1020. Senate Bill 1022. Senator Bomke. Senator Bomke. 1022? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1022.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1024. Senator Robert Madigan.

Senator Bob Madigan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1024.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senate Bill 1112. Senator -- 3rd Reading, I'm sorry. Senate Bill 1112. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1115. Senator Tom

Walsh. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1115.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Nor further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1129. Senator Klemm. Thank you. Senate Bill 1183. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben? Okay. Top of page 6 is Senate Bill 1198. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1198.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

We ask leave of the Body to go back to Senate Bill 1020.

Senator Maitland. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1020.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to Committee on Executive - Senate Joint Resolution 21; referred from the Judiciary Committee to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1122; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1122, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 31, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 234, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 430, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 566, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 800.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 65, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st Reading. If I could have the Membership's attention for the -- for your information we have ceased our business. We will be reading House Bills in 1st Reading and we will reconvene tomorrow at 11:30. 11:30, tomorrow.

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So our business is basically concluded here. House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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House Bill 76, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
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House Bill 111, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 153, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 248, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 249, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 377, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 404, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 462, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 524, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 596, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 678, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 852, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 855, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 895, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1109, offered by Senator Myers.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1110, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1134, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1146, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1252, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1365, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1469, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1476, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1648, offered by Senators Trotter, Obama, Smith and Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1657, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1739, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1746, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2013, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2034, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2041, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2042, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2087, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2103, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2106, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2177, offered by Senator -- Senators Peterson and Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2204, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2206, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2257, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2298, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2308, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2352, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2502, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2641, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2679, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2741, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce the

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Director of the Bureau of the Budget, Steve Schnorf, a friend of all of ours. He's in the President's Gallery on the Republican side. Would our good friend please rise and be recognized? Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Senator Watson, Mr. President. Some of our Members weren't aware of the fact we were going into Session exactly at noon and the bell didn't ring and some of our Members missed the invocation. And I was wondering, you know, perhaps we ought to remind ourselves maybe, to ring the bell at least a couple times to let us know that we're going to be doing business. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Bless you my son.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

And we hope the Lord takes a liking to you, too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any other business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Karpiel moves the Senate adjourn until the hour of 11:30 on Thursday, March 18th. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day.